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Group Interaction

Preparation Time: 3 minutes Assessment Time: 3 minutes

You have an extra holiday tomorrow because the school field trip is cancelled. Your teacher has asked you and your classmates to discuss the best way to spend your free time.



In your discussion, you may talk about:

- your favourite way to spend your free time e.g. hiking, playing ball games, chatting with friends, watching TV, surfing the Internet
- why you like to have such activities e.g. to have fun, to relax , to take a rest, to social with friends...
- who you would spend your free time with (e.g. with friends, by yourself...) and why
- any other details that are important

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You may begin by saying:

I would like to...

Teacher notes

Managing the assessments or extending the task

- Discussions could be digitally recorded to increase the accuracy of the assessment.
- If you decide to play a more active role, you could give less confident students verbal instructions for each step of the discussion.
- You and/or the students could add to, or delete from, the bullet point list.
- Note that the possible language structures, expressions, and vocabulary given below are not exhaustive lists. They are guides to show teachers some of the possible structures, expressions, and words students may choose to use.

Possible language structures and expressions:

1. Giving descriptions

“I prefer to ...”

“When I am tired, I ...”

“I relax by ...”

“... is energising”

“... increases your fitness”

“...is good for your health”

“When I am by myself, I ...”

“Being with other people is ...”

2. Justifying a point of view

“... is better than ... because”

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“Although I like ...,”

“... helps me keep fit”

“If I ..., then ...”

3. Making general statements

“Relaxing is important”

“Free time is precious ...”

“Playing a sport has many benefits ...”

“Being active has advantages ...”

“Sometimes you need to spend time alone ...”

“... helps to recharge your batteries”

Possible vocabulary:

Free time; alone; myself; relax; relaxation; quiet; inactive; resting; time out; social; company; active; energetic; fitness; health; sports; heart rate; outdoors; indoors; chat; friends; family; relationships; busy; down time; stress; de-stress; chill out; energise; recharge; balance.